7th April 1958]

Co-operative credit societies

* 599 *Q*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Ramachandran) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of village co-operative credit societies in the Ramanathapuram district; and

(*b*) the amount advanced by way of loans through these societies in 1955-56, 1956-57 and 1957-58?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) 619 as on 31st December 1957, Sir.

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(*b*)	July 1955—June 1956	16,38,871
	July 1956—June 1957	13,76,598
	July 1957—December 1957	15,51,941

Magistrates

* 600 *Q*.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the salary of the Subdivisional Magistrate and the First-class Magistrate in the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Pending integration of their services and fixation of their pay, the Subdivisional Magistrates and each of the two First-class Magistrates allotted to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State are drawing a salary of Rs. 265 and Rs. 230 per mensem respectively, in the former Travancore-Cochin scales of pay, namely, Rs. 250—15—400—25—500 for Subdivisional Magistrates, and Rs. 200—10—240—15—300 for First-class Magistrates. After their services are integrated and the posts held by them immediately before the appointed day are equated with the corresponding posts in this State, they will be permitted to opt either for the former Travancore-Cochin scale of pay or for the Madras scale of pay for the equated post.

SRI S. LAZAR : Which is more and which is less?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot give that information but option has been given to the officers and so we need not worry about it.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : The First-class Magistrates allotted to this State from the former Travancore-Cochin State are having a scale of Rs. 200—300 whereas the First-class Magistrates of the Madras State are having a scale of Rs. 300—400. So, will the Government take that disparity into consideration and equalise their pay also from the date of the integration?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated that the officers have been given the option to choose either of the scales after integration and that will be all right for them.